

DGC/REF RFP Questions

1. What REF program, project-level, and property tax data will EDC provide to the consultant?

The EDC and OER will provide project level data that was in the REF applications. It will be a case by case basis, if any property tax data can be provided from the applications. The data will be compiled and provided to the selected contractor.

Please see the following links, with a summary of the to-date results of the 2013 REF program, and the application specifications for the different REF programs:

http://www.energy.ri.gov/documents/RECB/10.22.2013%20RECB%20EDC%20REF%20Presentation_1.pdf

<http://www.riedc.com/finance/REF.php>

2. What DGC program, project-level, and property tax data will EDC provide to the consultant?

The EDC and OER will provide 2011-2013 DGC project-level data, including property tax data where it is provided.

Current information on the results of the DGC program from 2011 through 2013 can be viewed at the following websites:

<http://www.energy.ri.gov/renewable/dg/>

<http://www.energy.ri.gov/meetings/index.php>

<http://www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/4288page.html>

3. Does EDC already have estimates of what renewable energy generation would have been installed in the absence of the program, or will the consultant be expected to develop those estimates?

There are no current estimates on what in-state renewable energy generation would have been installed in the absence of the current DGC and REF programs. The EDC and OER would expect the selected contractor to develop those.

The contractor team may provide a method for determining a without program baseline estimate. However, due to current market conditions and size, a basic assumption that project development relies primarily, or even exclusively on availability of federal and state incentives may also be appropriate.

4. What assumptions about the 4-year REF program extension will EDC provide to the consultant, and what assumptions will the consultant be expected to develop?

The EDC and OER will provide expected budget levels for 4 year extensions to the REF program to the selected contractor at the kickoff meeting. These may include up to 3 levels of future funding (low, medium and high) for scenario analysis.

5. What assumptions about the 5- and 10-year DGC program extensions will EDC provide to the consultant, and what assumptions will the consultant be expected to develop?

The EDC and OER will provide those assumptions based on the three scenarios proposed in the scope of work.

6. Does EDC expect the consultant to determine the macroeconomic impact (jobs and gross state product) of the following: a) project-related costs borne by participants, b) program-related costs covered and/or not covered by the existing SBC, c) electricity market price impacts on consumers, and d) electricity cost savings by participants?

The scope of work identifies the types of cost and benefit impacts that are expected to be included in the study. All of the items listed in the question above are included as impacts. However, the consultant team will be expected to prioritize the study design, accounting for available budget and time, to insure adequate coverage of the more important impacts, while devoting less time to smaller degree impacts. It will also be important to note that in some instances, gross level impacts, rather than net impacts will need to be estimated. As stated in the RFP, sufficient data and budget may not be available to fully determine all impacts. The consultant team's approach will be expected to be transparent and clearly distinguish those areas in which greater or lesser data and analytic detail is applied.

7. It is likely, given the interconnectedness of the New England grid and economy, that market price impacts (and associated macroeconomic effects) as well as environmental impacts will be realized outside Rhode Island. Does EDC expect the consultant to include such out-of-state impacts in its evaluation, or ignore them?

The study shall be focused on Rhode Island impacts. Consistent with the answer to the proceeding question, the magnitude of the programs' impacts on the region may be considered, but would not be expected to represent a major portion of the study.

8. To the extent that environmental benefits can be monetized, does EDC expect the consultant to consider them in the macroeconomic analysis, or otherwise as an economic benefit?

The consultant would not be expected to conduct primary research on monetization of environmental benefits. Currently RGGI provides a framework for the internalization of avoided CO2 emissions. The consultant should propose a method for assessing avoided emissions in physical units, and provide a method based on available secondary resources for estimating economic impact.

9. The EDC requests that the consultant a transparent model (Excel or otherwise) that can be shared publicly. Does the EDC believe that this would preclude the consultant from using proprietary models such as GE MAPS and REMI? Would this also preclude the consultant from using, say, fuel price or generator data from a source whose license prohibits disclosure?

The consultant may propose some elements of the study that depend upon the use of proprietary data and or software. However, the objective of providing transparent results,

methods, and model that are publically available should also be addressed and will be considered in the scoring of proposals.

10. Other than the completion date specified in the RFP, does EDC have any time constraints or preferences with regard to any of the specific deliverables listed?

The EDC and OER will work with the selected contractor on interim deliverables, and that a timeline will be established on those deliverables.

11. What other consultant teams have indicated their intent to bid on this RFP?

The EDC and OER will not be disclosing the other contractors that will be bidding on the RFP.

12. By what date do you anticipate EDC will select a consultant for this engagement?

The EDC and OER will be selecting a consultant before the end of November.

13. Can you please provide the EDC standard contract terms and conditions?

Not at this time. Contract terms and conditions will be drafted and finalized upon issuance of award

14. Is there a draft or standard engagement letter and contract as referenced in Section II, p.5 for our in-house counsel to review?

We do not have any standard agreements. Terms and conditions within contracts and engagement letters will be drafted and finalized upon issuance of award

15. Paragraph 8, p.13 refers to a questionnaire in Attachment II. However, there is an Attachment I, which is a series of questions. Is there another attachment or is Attachment I what is referred to in paragraph 8?

An error was made with the RFP. There is no Attachment II.